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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7132

BILL NUMBER: SB 224

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Physical therapists.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a physical therapist to evaluate a patient without a referral, but requires the physical therapist to contact the patient's appropriate provider and obtain a referral before providing treatment. The bill allows a physical therapist to provide treatment to a patient who was previously referred to the physical therapist for the same condition if: (1) the referral was given not more than three months before the request for the later treatment; and (2) the physical therapist consults with the referring provider within three days.

The bill requires a physical therapist to have additional specified education in order to perform a spinal manipulation.

The bill also prohibits a physical therapist from performing sharp debridement unless acting on the order of a physician or podiatrist.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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